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Winds and Seas Expected to Increase Thursday; Inexperienced Swimmers Advised to Stay Out of the Water

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office has the following advisories in effect:

A **wind advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 a.m. Thursday to 7 p.m. Saturday. Winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 30 mph are expected to increase to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 35 mph by Friday. Winds this strong can make driving difficult, especially for high profile vehicles. Gusty winds could blow around unsecured objects and tree limbs could be blown down.

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 a.m. Thursday to 6 p.m. Sunday, for north facing reefs. Large breaking waves of 7 to 10 feet are expected in the surf zone.

A **high risk of rip currents** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from Thursday morning through Sunday afternoon, for north and east facing reefs. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help. **Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous conditions.**

A **small craft advisory** is in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 a.m. Thursday to 6 p.m. Sunday. East winds of 15 to 25 knots with gusts up to 30 knots, and seas of 8 to 11 feet, are expected. Conditions will be hazardous to small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid dangerous rip currents, especially north and east facing reefs and beaches. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>

- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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